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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1 AND 4 (DECLASS SCHEDULE IMPOSSIBLE TO DE-
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TAGS: MARR, BB, UK

SUBJ: US NAVAL FACILITY ON BARBADOS

REF: BRIDGETOWN 682 (NOTAL)

1. YESTERDAY (MARCH 28) AT A RECEPTION ABOARD HMS TIGER, DEPUTY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHN PHILIP TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT HIGH COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM GOB RE US NAVAL FACILITY ON BARBADOS. PHILIP SAID NOTE INFORMED BRITISH THAT TITLE TO LAND ON WHICH FACILITY IS LOCATED IS VESTED IN UK ADMIRALTY AS AGENT OF THE CROWN AND THAT GOB SEEKING ITS RETURN IN ORDER TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW LEASE. NOTE ALSO INQUIRED AS TO NATURE OF ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED ON AT FACILITY.

2. COMMENT: WE HAD ALWAYS ASSUMED LAND BELONGED TO GOB. AS TO NATURE OF ACTIVITIES, IT MAY BE THAT NO ONE IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY KNOWS, THOUGH IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUPPOSED THAT MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HENRY FORDE, WHO ONCE ACTED AS ATTORNEY FOR THE FACILITY, WOULD HAVE
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AT LEAST A GENERAL IDEA OF TYPE OF OPERATIONS NAVY CONDUCTS HERE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY BE ADVISED CONCERNING EXTENT TO WHICH IT MAY FURNISH INFORMATION ON NATURE OF FACILITY'S ACTIVITIES, IF ASKED. PRESUMABLY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CAN BE INFORMED IN

CONFIDENCE. CAN PERMANENT SECRETARIES FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
AND FOR DEFENSE AND SECURITY ALSO BE GIVEN SUCH INFORMATION?
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